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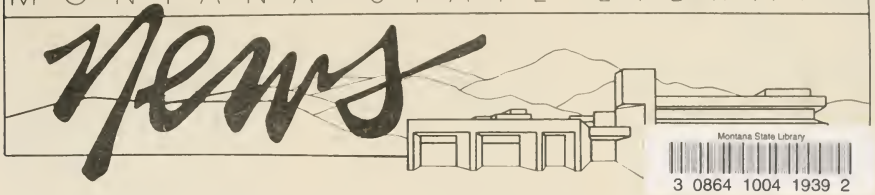

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NEWSLETTER RESUMES

With this issue the State Library resumes publication of its newsletter. After a two-year hiatus, this is our "catch-up" issue. You will no doubt notice old news amidst the new. Future issues will contain features on library happenings around the state, PR ideas, continuing education events, and other noteworthy announcements.

The newsletter will be issued every other month. Each issue will contain a looseleaf calendar of events and, when appropriate, a job listing. These can be removed from the newsletter to be posted.

Serials librarians, take note: the title has changed from "Montana Newsletter" to "Montana State Library News". Volume and number have remained in sequence.

You are encouraged to contribute news items to the newsletter. The deadline for submission is two weeks prior to the month of publication. Please send your contributions to Beth Givens, editor, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th Ave., Helena, MT 59620

ADVISORY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

As of May 1983, a newly constituted Montana Library Services Advisory Council has been in operation. The Advisory Council has 18 members who are appointed by the Governor for two year terms. Members represent public, academic, school, special, and institutional libraries; public library federations; service to the disabled, state government employees and state agency libraries; the Montana Library Association; the Legislature; and the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services.

The Advisory Council makes recommendations to the State Library Commission on Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) grant awards, the long range planning process, and the overall development and well-being of Montana libraries.

Because the Advisory Council represents the views and opinions of citizens, library users and libraries, you are encouraged to establish contact with these representatives. Members are listed below. Their addresses may be obtained from the Montana Library Directory, 1983.

Genevieve Beery (Wolf Point)
Golden Plains Federation

Robert Clark (Helena)
State Agency Libraries

Nancy Coe (Hamilton)
Tamarack Federation

Mary Doggett
(White Sulphur Springs)
Broad Valleys Federation

Mary Enge (Miles City)
Institutional Libraries

Karen Everett (Billings)
White House Conference on Libraries & Info. Services

Peggy Gadbow (Missoula)
School Libraries

Barbara W. Gillis (Great Falls)
Service to the Disabled

Suzy Holt (Helena)
Special Libraries

Cheryl Hutchinson (Helena)
State Employees

Lucy Jones (Miles City)
Sagebrush Federation

Rep. Kathleen McBride (Butte)
Montana Legislature

Michael Ober (Kalispell)
Academic Libraries

Pat Palagi (Billings)
South Central Federation

Eileen Rasmussen (Harlem)
Pathfinder Federation

Rita Schmidt (Great Falls)
Montana Library Association

Darlene Skari (Chester)
Local Public Libraries

Caroline Yellow Robe
(Harlem) Disadvantaged Persons

AROUND THE STATE

The 1984 annual conference of the **PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION** is scheduled for Billings, MT, Aug. 22-24. **JANE HOWELL**, Eastern Montana College Library, is conference coordinator.

The **CENSUS AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION CENTER** (CEIC) has a new home as of July 1983 -- the Montana Department of Commerce, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620, phone 444-2896. **PATRICIA ROBERTS** has followed this specialized information service through four moves and six name changes in the past seven years and continues to be the program manager. Topographic and census maps are also a part of the CEIC.

The **NATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CENTER**, formerly a part of the CEIC, has moved to the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, Butte, MT 59701, phone 496-4167. Contact **BIZ PATTERSON** for assistance.

100 school librarians attended Fall retreats of **SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA DIVISION**, reports **MEGAN FITE**, Division president. Retreats were held at Chico Hot Springs near Livingston and Makoshika State Park near Glendive. A major topic of discussion was the Federation Program Review and implications for school libraries.

The new chairperson of the university system's Inter-Unit Library Committee is **TERRENCE THOMPSON**, director of the Northern Montana College Library. He reports that a special area of study is online public access catalogs.

1983 was a year of extraordinary change in Montana libraries' staffs. It's time to welcome new librarians to our library community as well as pencil the updates into our library directories. The following list is by no means complete, so please keep us informed.

Shirley Krotz became Golden Plains Federation Coordinator and director of Glasgow City-County Library October 1983. Formerly she was director of the Kimball (NE) Public Library.

Lewis & Clark Library's new director since May 1983 is **Debbie Schlesinger**. She came to Helena from the Pittsburgh Regional Library Center.

Three new members of the Western Montana College Library staff are: **Jim Hemesath**, director, formerly of the Huron College Library; **David Olson**, public services librarian, previously from the University of Iowa School of Library Science; and **Susan Moore** from the San Jose school library system, now Assistant Librarian for AV services.

Linda Sterling is the librarian of the Custer County High School, Miles City.

Tom Leonard, formerly Helena Middle School librarian, is now the district resource librarian of the Helena School District.

Dr. Ruth Patrick became Dean of the Mansfield Library, University of Montana, in August. She was previously assistant director of Wayne State University Library (Detroit).

The catalog librarian of the Montana Law Library since August is **Brenda Grasnick**. She moved to Helena from Joplin, MO.

The Tamarack Federation reports several new librarians:

Eugene Feldman, Salish Kootenai Community College Library; **Shere Spathe**, Darby Public Library; **Bea Blackburn**, Hot Springs Public Library; **Wendy Macklin**, Ronan City Library; **Linda Foster**, St. Regis Branch, Mineral County Library; **Gale Jostes**, Bonner branch; and **June Lawson**, Lolo branch.

The new Whitehall High School librarian is **Al Anderson.**

Christine Lee is the new head of circulation-extension at the Great Falls Public Library. She came to Montana from Edmonds Community College, Lynwood, Washington.

Ekalaka native **James Curry** has joined the Great Falls Public Library as Public Services Librarian.

Steve Cottrell moved to Bozeman from Henderson, Texas, where he was director of the Rusk County Memorial Library. He became Broad Valleys Federation Coordinator and Bozeman Public Library Director in September 1983.

Carol Rhoades and **John Hughes** are job-sharing the reference librarian position at Butte-Silver Bow Free Library. Hughes also serves as the Butte-Silver Bow archivist.

Judy Cullen is assistant professor at Eastern Montana College in charge of AV services and library science courses. She came from Fruta Colorado where she was media coordinator in the secondary school system.

Priscilla Winter has recently joined the Parmly Billings Library as reference librarian.

LIBRARIES RECEIVE CONSTRUCTION GRANT AWARDS

A portion of the federally funded Jobs Bill (P.L. 98-8) allocated funds to Title II of the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) for public library construction and remodeling grants. Title II had previously not been funded for ten years. The total amount of funding received by Montana libraries was $220,523.

Criteria for eligibility included: area of high unemployment and projects to make facility accessible to the physically handicapped. Retrofitting for energy conservation was also a priority.

The State Library Commission acted upon Advisory Council recommendations by awarding grants as follows:

Remodeling & construction grants -- general

1. Flathead Co. Library
   a. Central library $19,594
   b. Big Fork 35,838
2. Lincoln Co. Library Troy branch 42,680
3. Mineral Co. Library 1,000
4. Plains Library 20,078

Remodeling -- access to the handicapped

5. Butte-Silver Bow PL 16,189
6. Glasgow City-Co. Lib. 6,644

Energy conservation

7. Butte-Silver Bow PL 25,705
8. Great Falls PL 5,116
9. Missoula City-Co. Lib 43,650
10. Philipsburg Library 1,029
11. St. Ignatius Library 3,000

Further information can be obtained from Alene Cooper, Montana State Library, 444-3115.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS

• NLW is April 8-14 •

• Montana's NLW committee mailed an informational flyer to all Montana libraries Feb. 1st. If you did not receive a copy, contact Beth Givens at the Montana State Library.
• Dr. Elizabeth Stone will speak on "High Tech/High Touch" at Missoula's NLW celebration, Wednesday evening, April 11th. Stone is the 1984 NLW chair and former ALA president. The public is invited to attend. For more information, contact the Univ. of Montana, Mansfield Library, 243-6800.

PERSONNEL CHANGES AT THE STATE LIBRARY

The roster listed below indicates organizational changes at MSL, as well as a brand new slate of phone numbers.

The new library development team allows the expansion of consulting services to libraries. The consolidation of the library development unit is the result of organizational changes as well as newly assigned job duties.

Harold Chambers, formerly Government Publications Librarian, is now head of the Reference and Information Services department. The Circulation function has become a part of the Reference department. Sheena Graham Lamere is the new coordinator of the Online Reference Service. Government publications processing has been assumed by the Technical Services Department.

New on the staff are: Carol Croft, shelver; Beth Furbush, secretary, Administrative Services; and Carolyn Meier, Reader's Advisor, Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

Montana State Library Department Roster and Directory

Sara Parker, State Librarian (406) 444-3115

Administrative Services, JoAnn Fallang 444-3115

Library Development Team: Alene Cooper, Beth Givens, Bruce Newell, Sara Parker, Darlene Staffeldt 444-3115

Reference and Information Services, Harold Chambers 444-3004
Circulation, Nadine Langan 444-3016

Technical Services, Charlotte LeVasseur 444-3115

Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 444-2064
Darleen Tiensvold 1-800-332-3400
Linda Brander, Volunteer Coordinator

LEGISLATION REVIEW

Two major pieces of library legislation were passed during the 1983 session. H.B. 212 increases the mill levy limit for libraries in counties from 3 to 5 mills, and in municipalities from 4.5 to 7 mills.

The State Library Commission was increased in size from five to seven members (H.B. 508). The Superintendent of Public Instruction can appoint a designee and the Commissioner of Higher Education now appoints a university system librarian to the Commission on a rotating basis.

Appointed as a result of this legislation are Sheila Cates, Library/Media Specialist, Office of Public Instruction, and Noreen Alldredge, Director, Montana State University Library. Continuing as Commission members are: Henry McClernan, Chair; Mary Hudspeth; Joan Evans; Martha Davis; and C.E. "Abe" Abramson.

Legislators who introduced library legislation were Senators Stimatz and Mazurek and Representatives Fabrega and McBride.

The Montana Library Association Legislation Committee is currently studying library laws to prepare for the 1985 session. It plans to report to the MLA Conference in May regarding recommendations for changes. Committee chair, Millie Sullivan, welcomes your comments and assistance -- 2853 Village Road, Helena, MT 59601, 227-6977.

FEDERATION PROGRAM REVIEW NEARS COMPLETION

Strengthening the federation system and including all types of libraries are major recommendations of the Federation Program Review. In April 1983, the Program Review Committee, chaired by Sara Parker, State Librarian, began the work of studying the present public library federation system and recommending future options. JoAn Segal of the Bibliographic Center for Research (Denver) served as facilitator.

The review included: an analysis of the federation system as well as network structures of other states; a survey of Montana librarians; four regional meetings; and focus group interviews of community leaders

The draft report, containing 28 recommendations, was presented to the Commission August 1983 and was widely distributed to the library community during the fall. Please contact the State Library if you wish to receive a copy of the draft. The final report is expected to be completed this March.

Federation Program Review Committee members are: Sara Parker, State Librarian, chair; Noreen Alldredge, director, Montana State Univ. Library; Glenda Bell, Riverside Jr. High School Librarian, Billings; Richard Gercken, Pathfinder Federation coordinator, Great Falls; Mary Hudspeth, Montana State Library Commission, Glendive; Florence Kettering, Lewiston Public Library director; Lawrence Maxwell, Butte-Silver Bow Library Trustee.

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1984 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February	
4 to 5	Arts Advocacy Steering Committee, Helena
9	BRS Training, MSU, Bozeman
9	University System Inter-Unit Library Committee, Mansfield Library, Univ. of Montana, Missoula
10	Montana Council for Computers in Education, Bozeman
11	Montana Library Association Board of Directors Conference Call
14	"I Love to Read" day
23	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Helena
25	5 County Mini Conference for all interested librarians (Sanders, Mineral, Flathead, Lincoln, Lake), Plains High School Library
March	
12 to 16	Western Council of State Libraries Micro-computer Workshop, Denver
April	
4 to 7	Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Mtg., Seattle
8 to 14	National Library Week
9 to 12	Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) Spring Meeting, Washington, D.C.
10	ALA Legislation Day, Washington, D.C
11	School Library Media Day. Special theme "The School Library Media Program: The Knowledge Base"
11	Univ. of Missoula Friends of Libraries banquet, Dr. Elizabeth Stone, speaker, UM University Center
25	Pre-MLA workshop, "Exploring Helena's Information Resources: Traditional and Non-traditional," Helena
26 to 28	Montana Library Association Conference, Helena
28	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Helena
May	
2 to 5	Mountain Plains Library Association Conference, Cheyenne, WY
4 to 6	Low Vision Seminar, Coach House East, Helena
June	
15	Montana State Library Commission meeting, Glasgow
23 to 28	ALA Conference, Dallas
August	
16	Western Council of State Libraries workshop, Planning for Delivery of State Government Services
22 to 24	Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA) Conference, Billings
October	
25	Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Anaconda
31 to Nov. 4	American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Conference, Atlanta
December	
7	Montana State Library Commission Meeting, Helena

PLEASE NOTIFY THE STATE LIBRARY OF ANY EVENTS WHICH YOU WISH PUT ON THIS CALENDAR.

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